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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of the document is attached.

The document AF was cited in a Search Report for a corresponding British Patent Application. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

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